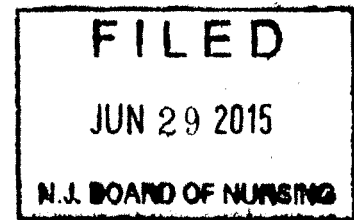


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STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE  
LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

SEAN MCTAGUE, R.N.  
LICENSE # NR 15294700

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information that respondent, while employed as a nurse at Jersey City Medical Center in September of 2014, entered inaccurate and misleading information into a patient's medical record. Respondent was assigned to monitor the vital signs of patient R.S., a patient newly admitted to the Intensive Care Unit. Respondent was assigned to monitor the vital signs of R.S., and was also caring for another ICU patient. A review of the electronic medical records indicated that vital signs were taken and recorded on an hourly basis. The records from the patient's monitor, however,

indicated that no blood pressure readings were taken for five hours, from 23:16 hours on September 1, 2014 through 04:55 hours on September 2, 2014, a five hour period.

Respondent explained that this was the first time that he had used the particular monitor utilized with R.S., and respondent was not fully familiar with the way in which it functioned. Although he had applied the cuff to record R.S.'s blood pressure readings automatically at intervals, he did not realize that, upon removing the cuff to adjust it, the monitor automatically reverted back to manual mode, and required re-setting. Thus respondent maintained that he did not realize, until he began his charting, that the blood pressure readings had not been automatically transferred to the chart. Respondent explained that because R.S.'s blood pressure at the time he began charting was in the same range it had been upon admission, respondent entered blood pressure values into the chart that approximated those values. Respondent has acknowledged that this was improper and he should have notified his supervisor of the lapse. Respondent has, since this incident, completed courses in documentation and in health care ethics.

The Board finds that respondent's entry into the medical record of blood pressure readings that were not actual readings constitutes professional misconduct within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).


The parties desiring to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Board finding that respondent has taken responsibility for his conduct and learned from the experience, and further finding that the within order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS, ON THIS 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June , 2015

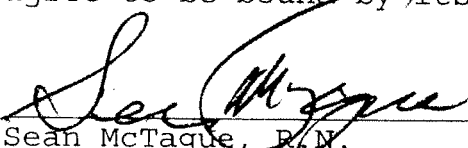
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A reprimand is hereby imposed for respondent's violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

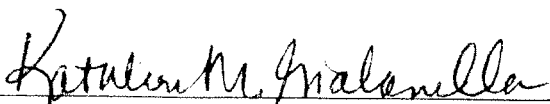
NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:   
Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN, C  
Board President

I have read and understand  
the within Consent Order and  
agree to be bound by its terms.

  
Sean McTague, R.N.

Consent as to form and entry:

  
Kathleen M. Gialanella, Esq.  
Attorney for respondent